

ALUMNI WORK FOR PEACE AT UN

Three graduates of the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution are working at the United Nations to promote peace, tolerance, and human rights.

Bautista Logioco, Jayashree Nadarajah, and Richard Gee are among dozens of Rotary Foundation alumni playing important roles at the UN. These alumni bear witness to the close collaboration between Rotary and the United Nations, celebrated during Rotary UN-Day on 7 November.

“This is our life’s work and our biggest dream,” says Logioco, a political affairs officer for the UN Dept. of Peacekeeping Operations in New York. “Rotary gave me and others the chance to create and build the capacity to make contributions to society through peace and conflict resolution.”

Logioco was a member of the first class of peace fellows at Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2002-04. He has been with the UN for about a year, providing support and guidance for 7,000 peacekeeping troops in Haiti.

He says a natural connection exists between the Rotary Centers and the United Nations.

“Both aim to contribute to help people’s lives through peace-building initiatives,” says Logioco. “Rotary is a worldwide networking machine that expands the promotion of human understanding in every single direction.”

Nadarajah, a program officer at the Office of the Special Representative for the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, says Rotary will always be close to her heart. The former Rotary World Peace Fellow, who was also an Interactor, Rotaractor, and Group Study Exchange student, says Rotary helped shape her views of peaceful resolution and equal rights.

“Rotary is an essential partner to the UN,” says Nadarajah. “They are able to help in places where the UN has no reach. Rotary is held in the highest regard.”

Nadarajah graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, in 2006. Her work at the UN has included protecting children in Darfur, Sudan, from armed conflict.

Richard Gee, another member of the inaugural class at Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is an electoral and political affairs officer with the Electoral Assistance Division, focusing on issues in the Middle East.

Gee says the Rotary Centers’ agenda for implementing peaceful conflict resolution sets them apart from other peace programs.

“There is so much potential for what kind of impact the Rotary Centers can have on building peace and human rights,” says Gee. “Rotary has a quiet but influential role in humanitarian efforts around the world.”

Since 2002, the Rotary Centers for International Studies program has graduated more than 430 peace fellows. Many have gone on to work for peace in government and nongovernmental organizations, including the UN, World Bank, and the Organization of American States.

“The most important part of the Rotary Centers is that they’re truly creating a network of peace practitioners,” says Logioco. “The network can only multiply from here. I think it is now starting to deliver results.”

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



A day before the District Conference, on Friday, 13th November, the host club the Rotary Johor Centennial organised a talk/seminar on Child Mortality. Speakers came from the USA and India as well as some from Malaysia.

At the seminar, we learn that a staggering 10 million children die every year from preventable causes and 530,000 mothers die from birth related causes. Pneumonia, malaria, diarrhea and measles account for the majority of deaths of children under the age of five. The underlying cause is malnutrition.

In Rotary year 2008-2009, RI President D K Lee steered Rotary International towards a concerted effort to help reduce child mortality worldwide, urging Rotarians everywhere to play their part.

Child mortality can be reduced through simple cost effective measures. An excellent example of this is the joint effort by Rotary Clubs in Great Britain, Ireland and Tanzania who are providing **treated mosquito nets** to villagers to combat malaria which is responsible for 10% of all under-5 deaths. The nets kill mosquitoes and act as a physical barrier. Each net cost US\$4.00.

The Rotary Club of Bonds Meadows, Maryland, USA has put together a Safe Motherhood Kit containing items for use during delivery. Items include sterile razor blades, gauze, soap and plastic sheeting. Babies are provided with knitted caps, blankets and jackets. The kits have helped to dramatically reduce deaths of mothers and babies during delivery at home where mother and child face dangers from non-sterile conditions and unskilled birth attendants. Each kit cost US\$10.00.

Our club has been associated with the Likas Children’s Hospital for a number of years through our former Rotarian Dr. S. Rajah. To date we have only been involved on the periphery but perhaps we can think of ways to provide more assistance to children in rural areas. The situation in Malaysia may not be as bleak as those in sub-Saharan countries but that is no reason to sit back and feel complacent.

Happy Birthday ...

PP Chua Soon Lan on 26 November

Alex Pang on 1 December

Happy Anniversary ...

Alex Pang and Helen on 1 December

Speaker Finders

25 Nov.	PP Chua Soon Lan
02 Nov.	PP Dtk Johnson Tee
09 Dec.	AGM

A GUIDE TO DAILY LIVING

Before doing the things we want to do, consider first, the precept of the guide. Ask yourself these 4 questions and act upon them:

- First : Have I spent some time to self examination?
- Second : Have I spent quality time with my family?
- Third : Have I given my best to my work?
- Fourth : Have I given some time to someone near and far?

CONTRIBUTIONS

	RM
Sunshine	42.00
Donations	
Fines, etc.	

■ DUTY OFFICERS are expected to arrive early to ensure that everything has been prepared for the meeting, to welcome visitors and guests and collect Sunshine Fund and Fines.

■ **25 November**
■ **PP Philip Chong**
■ **Vincent Chua**

■ **2 December**
■ **PP Hiew Chee Wah**
■ **Ho Shi Yin**

Rotary Foundation Chair PP Oh Chu Vun (as reported by IPP Chua Soon Lan) Next week we have live feed from Cambodia to talk to a Rotary Peace Fellow to find out what he is doing to promote peace in Cambodia.

Rotaract President Nicholas Lo

I will be attending the Asia Pacific Rotaract Conference in Singapore together with Rotaractor Kai Hing. The conference is from 22-25 November.

Rotary Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution.

Rotary World Peace Fellows are leaders promoting national and international cooperation, peace, and the successful resolution of conflict throughout their lives, in their careers, and through service activities. Fellows can earn either a master’s degree in international relations, public administration, sustainable development, peace studies, conflict resolution, or a related field, or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict resolution.

Each year, up to 100 Rotary World Peace Fellowships (50 master’s degree fellowships and 50 professional development certificate fellowships) are offered on a competitive basis at six Rotary Centers, which operate in partnership with seven leading universities (centers offer master’s degree unless noted otherwise):

- • Chulalongkorn Uni., Bangkok, Thailand (professional development center)
- • Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA
- • International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan
- • Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- • University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England
- • University of California, Berkeley, USA (NOTE: The Rotary Foundation Trustees will no longer be accepting applications for this program after the 2009-11 class.)
- • University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia

Fellows are chosen from countries and cultures around the globe based on their ability to have a significant, positive impact on world peace and conflict resolution during their careers.

Path Heang, Cambodia, District 3350

As a child of the Khmer Rouge era (1975-79) during which some two million Cambodian people perished, Path Heang lived through decades of internal armed conflict. In the past 15 years he has dedicated his career to peaceful community development in Cambodia. Path has worked with such diverse groups as the Cambodian government, United Nations Development Program, Australian Catholic Relief, American Friends Service Committee, German Technical Cooperation, Oxfam Great Britain, Working Group for Weapons Reduction, and Cooperation Committee for Cambodia. In his effort to make Cambodians’ voices heard, he has published a number of documents and addressed various international conferences, including two UN conferences in New York, USA. He has a degree in education from the Royal University of Phnom Penh. After completing his graduate studies, Path plans to return to Cambodia to resume his development work with particular focus on policy issues.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Wong Chu Lai welcomed guests and Rotarians before making the following announcements:-

1. Just returned from District Conference. Interesting programme, especially the seminar on child mortality.
2. Received email informing us that this year, District 3310 will be awarding special recognition for the top ten clubs in the District. The criteria are as follows:-
 1. Club weekly attendance
 2. Club's support to Rotary Foundation -- Donations to Annual Program Fund
 3. Club's net membership increase
 4. Club members' attendance at District Conference 2009
 5. Club members' attendance at District Assembly 2010
 6. Club's community service program
 7. Club's international service program
 8. Club's implementation of CLP
 9. Club's communication and newsletter
 10. Club's President Leadership and knowledge
3. Pan Borneo meet will be on 12-14 March 2010.
4. Please vote for Rtn Budi Soehardi from Indonesia who has been nominated as a CNN Hero. Rtn Budi has set up an orphanage to help children deprived from a normal childhood and education because of the war in East Timor. To vote, go to www.cnn.com/heroes. Voting ends on 27th November 2009.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Club Administration Chair- Dtk. Dr. Ghandi Das

Wesley Chua is the speaker finder today. Next week, we will be celebrating the birthdays of Rotarians born in the month of November.

Community Service Chair- Charlie Tan

President Chu Lai reported that he and PP Peter Yapp together with Rtn Wesley went to Kg. Timbangoh Laut to check on the progress of our Gravity Water Feed project. The water tanks need to be moved to enable the pipes to be connected.

New Generatons Service Gwen Vu

Attended Rotaractor meeting and informed them about the upcoming RYLA meeting in Johor Bahru on 10-13 December and the Asia Pacific Rotaract Conference also in Singapore on 22-25 December. Also invited them to Likas Hosp. children's party at Nexus Resort.

Vocational Service Chair Rtn. Ho Shi Yin (as reported by Rtn. Charlie Tan) Still no photos of the Career Guidance Seminar for Press release.

DATE OF MEETING : 18 November 2009

Name	On	At	For
18/11/2009 44/(38) 21 present + 10 MU : 31/38 81.5%			
PP Chang EL	7/11	Children party mtg, Nexus Ressort	18/11/09
Rtn Vincent Chua		eClub	18/11/09
PP Dtk Lee CW	20/11	Meeting with Press	18/11/2009
Rtn G3		eClub	18/11/09
Rtn KH Lim		eClub	18/11/09
PP Dtk A Mathews		eClub	18/11/09
PE M Tong		2010 BOD	18/11/09
PP Tsen KL		Sindex	18/11/09
Rtn CC Wong		eClub	18/11/09
Rtn David Kong	20/11	Meeting with CIMB	18/11/2009

PREVIOUS WEEKS' REVISED FIGURES

Date	Membership	Present	Make-ups	Rating %
04/11/09	43 (38)	26	5	81.60%
11/11/09	43 (38)	20	11	81.60%

WEEK

Date	Membership	Present	Make-ups	Rating %
18/11/09	43 (38)	21	10	81.60%

VISITORS

President Nicholas Lo - Rotaract Club of Likas Bay
 Mr Shanmugan - Guest Speaker, WWF

Presiding	-	President Wong Chu Lai
Secretary	-	PP Chang Erh Ling
Treasurer	-	PP Peter Yapp
Sergeant-at-Arms	-	Samuel Yeh (Acting)
Acting SaA Dtk Lee rang the bell and called the meeting to order and President Chu Lai led the singing of the Negaraku, and proposed a toast to the health of His Majesty the King.		

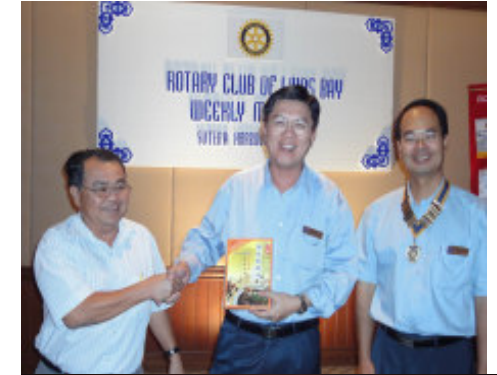


Mr. Path Heang, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Rotary Peace Fellow.

Rotarians and spouses at the recently concluded District Conference in Johor Bahru. The conference was preceded by a talk/seminar on Child Mortality.



4th Mingo Cup Prize presentation - sponsored by Rtn Woo Soo Poo



Speaker Mr Shanmugan giving a talk about WWF and how they raise funds.



Don't look too closely now at the magazine President Chu Lai is being presented with by Rtn Woo!